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Docket No. MEMS-0253-USReply to Office Action dated 11 May 2005**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 12-18 are pending in the application. Claims 19-22 have been added.

Claim Objections and 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claim 9 was objected to because of informalities. This rejection is moot in view of the foregoing amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication on page 7 of the Office Action that claims 12-18 are allowed.

Prior Art Rejections**1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) based on Chahroudi**

Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Chahroudi (U.S. Patent No. 5,198,922). These rejections are moot in view of the foregoing amendment.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) based on Tedesco in view of Chahroudi

Claims 1-2, 8-10 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Tedesco (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,990) in view of Chahroudi. These rejections are moot in view of the foregoing amendment.

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3. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) based on Tedesco and Chahroudi in view of Hoch

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Tedesco in view of Chahroudi as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Hoch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,520). These rejections are moot in view of the foregoing amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has canceled all non-allowed claims to place all pending claims in condition for allowance, as noted above. Although Applicant has canceled the non-allowed claims to expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application, Applicant does not concede the Examiner's allegations regarding the teachings of the applied reference or their application as to Applicant's claimed combinations, as alleged in the Office Action. Further, Applicant reserves the right to file further continuation and/or divisional applications to directed to the canceled subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

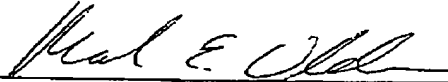
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filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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